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SUBJECT: EURATOM-IAEA VERIFICATION AGREEMENT

REF: (A) BRUSSELS 9202, (B) VIENNA 6743

1. LEONARD WILLIAMS EC COMMISSION DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR ENERGY, HAS TOLD US THAT HE WAS "CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC" FOLLOWING THE MEETING OF THE COREPER ON SEPTEMBER 8 WHICH CONSIDERED THE PAPER HE HAD PREPARED FOLLOWING THE JULY 19 MEETING IN VIENNA (REF A). WHILE NO DECISION WAS TAKEN, HE SAID THAT THIS WAS DUE TO SOME OF THE REPRESENTATIVES NOT HAVING INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR GOVERNMENTS. IN GENERAL, HE SAID, THE ATMOSPHERE WAS "NOT TOO BAD." THE PAPER WILL BE CONSIDERED AGAIN NEXT WEEK BY COREPER AND THEN FOR COUNCIL DECISION ON SEPTEMBER 20.

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2. WILLIAMS SAID THAT HE REPORTED RESULTS OF COREPER MEETING TO FISCHER OF IAEA, AND INQUIRED OF HIM WHETHER HE THOUGHT THE CONCEPT OF A ONE YEAR MINIMUM DETECTION TIME FOR IAEA (REF B, FIRST PARA 5) AND 3 TO 4 MONTH MINIMUM DETECTION TIME FOR EURATOM (FOR LIGHT WATER REACTORS) WOULD BE ACCEPTED BY THE STANDING ADVISORY GROUP ON SAFE-

GUARDS IMPLEMENTATION (SAGSI). FISCHER REPORTEDLY INDICATED OPTIMISM BUT NOTED THAT THE CHANCES FOR SUCCESS WOULD BE GREATLY IMPROVED IF THE UK, FRG, AND US MEMBERS OF SAGSI WERE PREPARED BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL. ACCORDINGLY, WILLIAMS HAS REQUESTED THAT WE ASK US MISSION VIENNA TO EXPLAIN THE FULL SITUATION TO THE US MEMBER OF SAGSI HOPEFULLY TO OBTAIN HIS SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSAL.

3. WILLIAMS EMPHASIZED THE DELICATENESS OF THE FRAMEWORK THAT NOW EXISTS FOR WORKING OUT A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO THE LONG-STANDING IMPASSE BETWEEN EURATOM AND IAEA. HE LIKENED IT TO A HOUSE OF CARDS, IN THAT FAILURE OF THE IAEA TO BE ABLE TO ACCEPT THEIR "GIVE" PART OF THE GIVE AND TAKE WOULD LIKELY TUMBLE THE WHOLE HOUSE DOWN. HE URGES, AND WE AGREE, THAT THE FAR-REACHING IMPORTANCE TO THE PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS OF THE SAGSI DECISION ON MINIMUM DETECTION TIME BE FULLY UNDERSTOOD BY THE SAGSI.

4. IF APPROPRIATE, REQUEST DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE US MISSION VIENNA TO MEET WILLIAMS' REQUEST. HINTON

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